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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 05/19/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Abstract

Please replace the current abstract with the following abstract on a separate page: